



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2012

**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.**

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

Parish Mission Statement

The Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love, for the salvation of all people.

We are a stewardship parish. Three percent of our operating income is shared with other missions.

Stewardship Matters

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Only a Carpenter

Jesus was a small-town boy. Everyone in Nazareth knew him and his whole family, even all the cousins. He was the carpenter, Mary's boy, so when he spoke and taught with authority in the synagogue they "took offense at him." How dare he? In Jesus' world, you could work harder and become better off, but once a carpenter always a carpenter. Jesus did not press them, just as we cannot force belief on other people. For parents whose grown children have drifted away from the Church, it is tempting to pressure them to come back. Sadly, this may increase the distance and cause arguments. However some people are just waiting to be asked. True stories abound of men or women who attend Mass for years with their Catholic family, even giving generously to the parish, yet never take that final step into the community until someone—and it could be you—asks, "Would you like to join the Church?"

Living Stewardship Now

Part of good stewardship is to be welcoming, inviting, and hospitable, with no strings attached. Speak to people before and after Mass. Volunteer as a greeter, or with a ministry serving returning Catholics. Be a sponsor for someone in RCIA. Welcome newcomers in your neighborhood.



Es Sólo un Carpintero

Jesús era un pueblerino. Todos en Nazaret lo conocían a él y toda su familia, aun a sus primos. Él era el carpintero, el hijo de María, así es que cuando habló y enseñó con autoridad en la sinagoga todos "estaban desconcertados". ¿Cómo se atreve? En tiempos de Jesús tú podías trabajar duro y salir adelante, pero siempre ibas a ser el carpintero. Jesús no los presionó ni nosotros podemos forzar a otras personas para que crean. Los padres cuyos hijos se han alejado de la Iglesia sienten la tentación de presionarlos para que regresen. Tristemente, esto pudiera alejarlos más y causar discusiones. Sin embargo, algunas personas están a la espera de una invitación. Las historias verídicas abundan sobre hombres y mujeres que por años han estado yendo a Misa con su cónyuge y aun contribuyen con su tiempo, talento y dinero, pero nunca dan el paso definitivo hacia la comunidad hasta que alguien—y bien pudieras ser tú—le pregunta: "¿Quisieras llegar a ser miembro de la Iglesia?"

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Parte de la corresponsabilidad cristiana es ser acogedor, amable y hospitalario sin condiciones. Habla con las personas antes y después de la Misa. Ofrecete a ser una de las personas que saluda a las personas al llegar o únete al ministerio que ayuda a los católicos que regresan a la Iglesia. Sé esponsor de alguien en el RICA. Da la bienvenida a las personas que se mudan a tu vecindad.

St. Teresa of Avila Food Pantry Shopping List

The St. Teresa Food Pantry can always use non-perishable food items such as those listed below.

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| Pasta Sauce (26 oz.) | Canned Vegetables (15 oz.) |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.) | Spaghetti O's (15 oz.) |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.) | Chili (15 oz.) |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Cereal |
| Tuna | Pasta |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Jelly |
| Canned Soup (10 oz.) | Canned Chicken |



Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)

Sizes are the Maximum
Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.



Please check the expiration dates on all food items before donating them; we discard anything past the expiration date. The Food Pantry needs larger, sturdy paper and plastic bags with handles. Please drop them off in the church, parish center or parish office.

If your family would like to sponsor a large amount of a particular item, please contact Dave Hilko at dahilko@aol.com.

The next Food Pantry Meeting is September 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Comments & Concerns

We want to ensure that any questions or concerns are fully addressed. Please contact the Chair of the St. Teresa Finance Council, Bill Mack, at williamdmack@hotmail.com or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections and key issues.

The next Finance Council meeting will be held Monday, July 30th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Weekly Collections Recap For June 24, 2012

6/24/2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,944	\$1,656	\$2,598	\$9,198

Weekly Sunday Collections (Budget of \$12,000)



We had a \$3,282 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of June 24, 2012. The Buck Sunday collection was \$480 further reducing the deficit to \$2,802. Please consider donating through automated contributions to ensure St. Teresa of Avila's well-being during these summer months of travel. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

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St. Teresa of Avila Preserving Our Heritage...

Thanks to your generosity, St. Teresa's *Preserving Our Heritage...* collection is up and running!

So far, \$107,442 has been collected or pledged through automated contributions. We have \$142,558 to go to reach our goal.

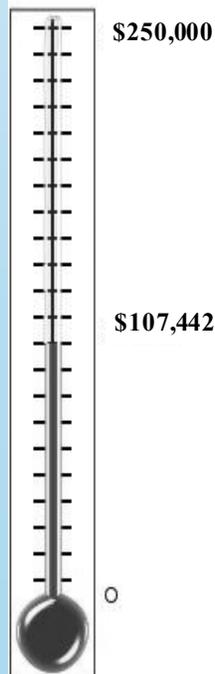
If you have not donated already, we ask that you consider a generous gift, if you are able, to our special collection.

If you prefer to make automated contributions by credit card or bank account, please contact Erica Saccucci at esacucci@stteresaparish.org.

For those who have already answered the call to preserve our history, thank you!

Your donations to *Preserving Our Heritage* will be shown on your end-of-year statement of contributions.

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Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

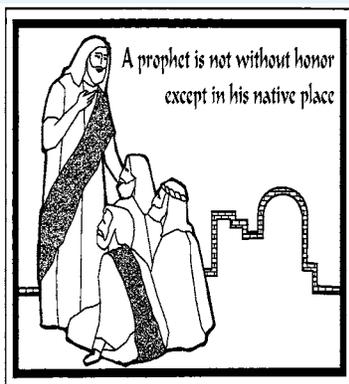
Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — The people said: “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6).

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

No Bad News



There are many times when we say, “Tell me what I want to hear, and don’t confuse me with facts.” And we don’t take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today’s Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today’s readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the “stranger” among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or “strange” they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

The American summer is officially underway, and people are on the move. Signs of hospitality are everywhere. In today’s Gospel, Jesus’ visit home is hardly marked by hospitality. He goes up to the *bema*, the elevated place for solemn public reading of the Torah, and his message is poorly received. Today, we read from the descendant of the *bema*, the ambo, almost an “altar of the Word of God.” Many ancient ambos are preserved in Italy, decorated with marble, ivory, precious metal, and jewels. Six hundred years ago, the pulpit came into use, meant for preaching rather than proclamation of scripture. Before microphone systems, pulpits were often located halfway down the church, amid the gathered people, and not so clearly associated with the altar.

Today, the ambo (the plural is “ambone”!) is an expected feature of our worship spaces because the Word is once again proclaimed to the people. Before 1964, typically the readings were done quietly by the priest at the altar in Latin, and optionally repeated in English from the pulpit. With the restored place of scripture in our worship, a beautiful and worthy ambo, related in design to the altar table, has once again become a prominent and familiar feature of Catholic architecture. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

No Malas Noticias



Hay muchas veces cuando decimos: “Dime lo que quiero escuchar, y no me confundas con datos”. Y no vemos con buenos ojos a alguien que podría ser lo suficientemente audaz y acabe con nuestras expectativas.

El mayor problema con esa actitud no es que nos perdemos la verdad o los hechos, sino que nos perdemos los regalos nuevos y sorprendentes que otros nos pueden dar. Al igual que la gente del pueblo en el relato del Evangelio de hoy, nosotros también a menudo nos negamos a permitir que otros muestren los talentos que pueden ser una buena noticia para nosotros.

Las lecturas de hoy piden hospitalidad, fe y discernimiento. La hospitalidad abre las puertas de nuestro corazón y nuestras mentes a los “forasteros” entre nosotros, no importa lo familiar que él o ella puede parecer. La fe nos permite aceptar los dones de los demás, no importa cuán alarmante o “extraños” nos puedan parecer. El discernimiento nos ayuda a descubrir a los profetas entre nosotros, no im-

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En los calendarios antiguos se celebraba la memoria de san Cristóbal el día 10 de este mes. Pero, con la reforma del Concilio Vaticano II este pobre santo se quedó sin trabajo sólo por el hecho de no poder comprobar su existencia.

No fue que la reforma del Concilio Vaticano II quisiera haber negado al pobre de Cristóbal ni a tantos otros santos que fueron quitados del Santoral Romano. Sólo buscaba hacer lugar para nuevos santos y beatos; y menos mal, porque eventualmente el papa Juan Pablo II canonizó y beatificó a más de mil personas durante su pontificado. Muchos de estos santos no son tan bien conocidos como nuestro amigo san Cristóbal.

Aunque ya no está en el calendario eclesiástico, Cristóbal continúa en los tableros de muchos carros ofreciendo su servicio de protección para los automovilistas. Esta chambita la consiguió porque ayudaba a cruzar el río a personas en camino, hasta que un día le tocó cargar con el niño Dios. Su nombre significa “el que carga con Cristo” y es un desafío a todos los que llevamos el nombre de cristiano. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Ezequiel es enviado como el profeta de Yavé a los rebeldes y obstinados Israelitas (Ezequiel 2:2-5).

Salmo — Ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad (Salmo 123 [122]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo reconoce sus debilidades y se gloria de ellas, para que la fuerza de Cristo habite en él (2 Corintios 12:7-10).

Evangelio — Jesús predica en la sinagoga de su pueblo natal, dejando a los habitantes atónitos. (Marcos 6:1-6).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Os 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Martes:	Os 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Miércoles:	Os 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Jueves:	Os 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
Viernes:	Os 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Sábado:	Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Domingo:	Am 7:12-15; Sal 85 (84); Ef 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mc 6:7-13

Sacraments & Ministries

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Congratulations July Baptisms



Kellan Robert Clarke (7-1-12)
Patrick Thomas Strange (7-14-12)
Cameron Ezekiel Tylor (7-15-12)
Emily Katharine Manion (7-29-12)

St. Teresa says...

**“If trials are not suffered for God,
they are worth nothing; if they are
suffered for Him, His majesty adapts
them to our strength.”**



The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- The Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity: One Human Family
- Care of God's Creation



Calendar at a Glance

July 8, Sunday

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time •

Decimocuatro Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:00 am, REC4, Baptism Preparation

July 9, Monday

St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions •

San Agustín Zhao Rong y Compañeros

- No Activities Scheduled

July 10, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 9:00 am, Parking Lot, Car Seat Safety Checkup

July 11, Wednesday

St. Benedict • San Benito

- No Activities Scheduled

July 12, Thursday

- 6:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Set Up

July 13, Friday

Henry • San Enrique

- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 11:00 am, REC4, Parent-Baby Journey
- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

July 14, Saturday

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha • Beata Kateri Tekakwitha

- 10:30 am, Church, PC3-4, Baptism & Reception



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

July 7

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

July 8

9:00 am Jerry Fagin, S.J.
Gabriel Bernal

12:00 noon All Deceased Members of the Parish

6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish



Our Mass intentions have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for six months. If you wish the name of a loved one left on the list longer than six months, please contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office.

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve, John Breault, Phyllis Carlino, Gaspar Diaz, Mark Dudley, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Michael Kinsella, Elaine Klecker, Laura Lee, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Sophia Sanchez, Lino Stefani, Jim Teterycz, Jon Wagenknecht
Victims of War & Domestic Violence

Let us also pray for those who are ill, especially...

<i>Johnnie Mae Alexander</i>	<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>
<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Ciaran Cavanagh</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Pat Flynn</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jennifer Schubeck</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>George Marroquin</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Tammy Martin & Family</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Sally Jo Morrow</i>	<i>Valerie Williams</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	



DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
7-14-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Melvin James	Dave Kostelansky	Becky Francis	Jean Kostelansky Jane Bronson
7-15-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Melvin James	Mark Trinkka	Dan Anderson Frank Swiderski Vacancy (H4)	Tom Kinsella Jennifer Barrett Myrna Gomez Kinsella Dennis Kamalick
7-15-12 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Melvin James	Tom Kosnik	Amy Mc Cue	Bob Pedro Alice Morales-Villenas
7-15-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Melvin James	Wendy Tynan	Mark Van Grinsven Sharon Lindstrom Vacancy (H4)	Nancy Van Grinsven Luke Kolman Eileen Raia Vacancy (C4)

God Does Not Know How to Be Absent

One of my favorite summer reads is Somerset Maugham's "The Razor's Edge." It is based on a true story of a young man from Evanston, Illinois, that leaves the riches of the North Shore to embark on a journey that takes him around the world. His goal was to discover himself, to come to understand the number-one purpose of his existence.

A friend of mine that was a missionary said that every summer he would meet similar characters. People from first world countries traveling about on a journey to find themselves. These travelers all had various ideas of what they needed to do or what they needed to experience in order to achieve their ah-ha moment.

It is easy to fall into a certain frame of thinking that I have to go do something, or experience something in order to experience God. However, our faith and many of our spiritual gurus — John of the Cross, Augustine and Teresa of Avila for example— will tell us that we don't need to do anything. That God is in the marrow of our bones, our ground and our sky. St Paul writes that in God "we live and move and have our being."

On a journey to discover God in your life this summer? Fantastic! The discovery occurs in doing nothing. The discovery occurs in stopping and removing the clutter in our minds and hearts. God does not know how to be absent. God is the ground of our being and the reaches of our sky. If there is work involved in experiencing this God, it is the work of stopping and listening with the ear of the heart.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, July 10,
from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.**

Contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com and (847) 729-1220, or contact Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 and tkosnik@visusgroup.com

— Tom Kosnik

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PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE



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Next 6:51 Club Meeting
July 15th!



St. Teresa's 6:51 Club meets on the third Sunday of every month after the 6:00 pm Mass.

Join us to meet fellow parishioners over a delicious free dinner. July's 6:51 Club will be an after-church summertime BBQ.

**You can contact Sara Foley
at foleysar@gmail.com for more details.**

Altar Servers Needed For All Masses



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St. Teresa's is looking for more altar servers!

Boys and girls in 4th grade and above who have made both their First Communion and Reconciliation.

Training will be done on an individual basis to accommodate schedules.

Please contact Dana Vance to set up a training session at drabbits3@sbcglobal.net or 847-492-8565.

Mission Sunday July 14-15

Father Melvin Pablo James SVD of the Divine Word Missionaries will be with us on July 14th and 15th to celebrate the Masses and speak about the Divine Word Missionaries.

The Divine Word Missionaries are an international religious community of over 6,100 missionary priests and brothers who serve in 70 countries. Father Melvin serves in Tijuana, Mexico with Mother Antonia, in prison ministry.

Mother Antonia was a married woman, who had seven children; She grew up in Beverly Hills California; her neighbors were Hollywood stars, including Spencer Tracy. At the age of 50 she wanted to give all of it up and entered the convent. She made her own habit and moved inside the prison and has lived there for 30 years.

Father James is a well known and dynamic retreat and mission preacher; he has ministered to the poor and needy in Chicago, Los Angeles, Mexico City, and now Tijuana Mexico. Father Melvin and Mother Antonia work in Tijuana Prison together providing love and care to 9,000 men and 650 women who are imprisoned there. Please be generous with you contributions. This Mission Appeal will directly benefit their ministry in Tijuana.

Garage Sale July 21st!!



It's time to clean out your closets, drawers, storage units, and crawl spaces and donate all those unwanted, salable items to St. Teresa's. Remember those Christmas and birthday gifts you didn't like. Re-gift those items now!

We still need jewelry you no longer wear; DVDs, CDs, and personal items like colognes, bath sets, perfumes, soaps, etc.; new clothing items; musical instruments are always in big demand. No shoes or used clothing, please.

If you'd like to volunteer to help at the sale or donate items, contact Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or Frank Swiderski at either (773) 339-7790 or (773) 227-9922.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Forgive

No one enjoys freedom more than a forgiven person. To be unburdened of a haunting past that we regret or to be released from earlier missteps that seemed to doom our future—that is a real sense of freedom that flows from forgiveness. Make no mistake about it, every time we celebrate Mass

together we meet the God who forgives us in Jesus Christ, "This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." At Mass, we know unmistakably and unforgettably that God forgives us.

The other side of forgiving belongs to us. Every Mass challenges us to forgive as we have been forgiven: "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24)

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In a God-Drenched World

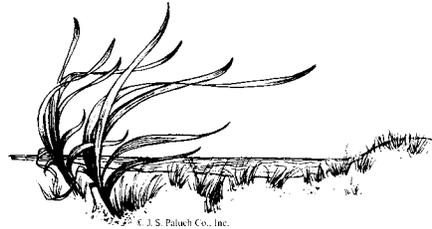
This Gospel episode has a familiar ring. Local boy makes good and is rejected by his peers. Some of you have experienced that strange phenomenon. You come home from college or the Army and they say, “Who do you think you are?” Part of that is jealousy; part of it is resistance to change.

Part of it is reluctance to make new adjustments to old relationships, or fear of growing up. These reactions are natural.

Jesus could have gotten past these normal reactions to his preaching. In a sense, they had said: “You don’t know any more than we know. You don’t teach at Jerusalem Biblical School, you have no degree from Cana Divinity College. Why should we listen to you about anything, especially about God?”

That is when the real problem arose. They might have admitted that Jesus could build a better table than they could. Maybe even accepted him as mayor. What they could not accept is that he had special knowledge of God.

What they did not realize is that when they cut him down to their size, they also reduced the value of their own lives. They were saying, “We have no knowledge of God — only the scribes do. We cannot come to terms with God by sacrificing in the temple — only the priests can. All we know are plowing and herding and spats with the spouses and trouble with the kids. Once in a while, we have a sense of God, but mostly, God and we live



Doctrine can be dangerous. Heaven can distract us from earthly duties. Reliance on grace can reduce personal responsibility. Obedience to authority can dull our conscience. Purgatory can be a fail-safe parachute.

in different worlds.”

This is what happens when religion becomes a specialized activity instead of a way of life. This naturally happens to all systems of thought: They become so specialized that only a select few understand them and therefore control them. Mathematics begins with one plus one and ends with mile-long equations known only to Einstein. Chemistry begins with H₂O and ends with mind-boggling formulas inaccessible to ordinary mortals. Religion starts with belief in God and ends up in the minds of theologians.

Systems are good in their own way. Science and technology and religion uncover new aspects of their specialty. But systems can be dangerous, too. Science can help us kill each other more efficiently, technology can control our lives

and religion can hand our lives over to other human beings who make religion their career.

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Even sacraments, those sacred actions designed to put us in contact with God, can in fact distance us. Baptism can be an empty ritual instead of delving into the death of Jesus. Confession can focus on forgiveness instead of conversion. Communion with Christ can devolve into arguments about how he is present in the Eucharist. Ordination can minimize our common priesthood. Anointing of the sick can concentrate more on the oil than on dying with Christ.

Religion is supposed to be the handmaid of faith, not a replacement for it. The kingdom of God is here, not in heaven; it is now, not later. The kingdom of God is within us, among us, inside us, outside us. The cosmos is saturated with divinity; the world is saturated in grace. We might even say that Jesus came precisely to tell us that we don’t have to depend on the temple or priests or sacrifice or laws to connect us with God. Faith is finally pretty simple: We live with our relatives in a God-drenched world.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell

Joe Haley

Catherine Kosnik

Jessica Marx

Mark Matejka

Bertel Olson

Tony Rivera

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. PPC is kept abreast of the activities of the Parish and its operations. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish. PPC also researches the needs of the parish and works with Parish leadership to evaluate and improve our quality of life as a faith community.

The Parish Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Bill Mack, Chair

Brian Scullion

Jane Bronson

Jack Halpin

Jane Ott

Dave Hilko

Steve Fortino

Andrew Deye

Becky Francis

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Information

Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 noon
	6:00 pm

* *First Sunday of the Month*

Weekday Masses

Monday to Thursday	7:30 am
Friday *	7:30 am

* *Communion Service only*

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday	7:00 pm
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For Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, RCIA and Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office.

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am—7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—12:00 noon
Closed Sundays & Holidays.

Counseling Services

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